

JANUARY 2006

MARINA READER

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION

& MARINE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Shortages in staffing have made it necessary to temporarily adjust our office hours. Our hope with these changes is to minimize any inconvenience to our customers. We expect this change to be effective through March 31, 2006. The new hours are:

SHORELINE MARINA OFFICE:

Effective December 1 – December 31:

Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Monday – Wednesday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Effective January 2 – March 31:

Sunday – Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

RAINBOW HARBOR OFFICE:

Effective January 2 – March 31:

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed Saturdays and Sundays

ALAMITOS BAY MARINA OFFICE

NO CHANGES:

Sunday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Rainbow Harbor Marina customers can transact business through the Shoreline Marina Office on the weekends, and if there is an urgent need, the Alamitos Bay Marina Office will be open after 4:30 p.m. for all marinas.

All offices will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



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The Long Beach Marine Bureau will be holding an auction of impounded and abandoned vessels on January 28, 2006.

All items are offered "As Is - Where Is". All sales are final. Full payment is due the day of sale, no later than 12:00 noon. Payment may be made with cash, check or credit card. Vessels purchased may be removed once payment is received, but no later February 5, 2006. If a vessel is not removed at that time, the vessel will be impounded, and impound and storage fees will apply. Also, no vessel sold at the auction will be allowed in the Long Beach Marinas for a period of 6 months and only after a Marine Bureau inspection.

For more info call Kimarie Vestre at 562/570-3236.





Marine Patrol Emergency 24 hours a day.....(562) 435-6711 or 911
 Marine Patrol Non-emergency during working hours....(562) 570-3216
 Maintenance during working hours(562) 570-1582
 Alamitos Bay Office(562) 570-3215
 Shoreline Office(562) 570-4950
 After office hours (entire department)(562) 570-3101

	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.
1 Su	2:59	2.3	4:40	-1.6	9:15	7.0	11:17	4.1
2 M	3:53	2.2	5:23	1.3	10:03	6.6	—	—
3 Tu	4:53	2.2	6:07	-0.8	12:03	4.3	(10:55)	6.0
4 W	6:04	2.2	6:51	-0.2	12:51	4.5	(11:52)	5.2
5 Th	7:29	2.1	7:38	0.5	1:41	4.7	1:01	4.3
6 F	9:06	1.7	8:28	1.2	2:34	5.0	2:33	3.5
7 Sa	10:39	1.1	9:25	1.8	3:28	5.3	4:26	3.1
8 Su	11:52	0.4	10:27	2.2	4:21	5.6	6:10	3.1
9 M	(12:48)	-0.2	11:27	2.5	5:12	5.8	7:25	3.3
10 Tu	—	—	1:31	-0.6	5:59	6.0	8:17	3.5
11 W	12:21	2.6	2:15	-0.9	6:42	6.2	8:57	3.7
12 Th	1:06	2.5	2:50	-0.1	7:22	6.3	9:30	3.7
13 F	1:46	2.5	3:23	-0.1	7:59	6.3	10:00	3.8
14 Sa	2:21	2.4	3:54	-0.9	8:33	6.2	10:28	3.8
15 Su	2:56	2.3	4:23	-0.7	9:05	6.1	10:56	3.8
16 M	3:31	2.3	4:51	-0.4	9:37	5.8	11:24	3.9
17 Tu	4:09	2.3	5:18	-0.1	10:09	5.4	11:53	4.0
18 W	4:51	2.3	5:43	0.3	10:42	4.9	—	—
19 Th	5:41	2.4	6:08	0.8	12:23	4.1	(11:18)	4.3
20 F	6:45	2.3	6:33	1.3	12:56	4.2	12:02	3.7
21 Sa	8:14	2.2	6:58	1.8	1:34	4.3	1:11	3.0
22 Su	10:02	1.8	7:32	2.2	2:20	4.5	3:31	2.6
23 M	11:24	1.1	8:41	2.6	3:15	4.7	6:14	2.7
24 Tu	(12:18)	0.4	10:20	2.8	4:15	5.1	7:19	3.0
25 W	(1:01)	-0.4	11:35	2.7	5:11	5.6	7:53	3.3
26 Th	—	—	1:41	-0.9	6:03	6.1	8:24	3.6
27 F	12:33	2.46	2:20	-1.5	6:52	6.6	8:55	3.9
28 Sa	1:24	2.14	2:58	-1.8	7:39	7.0	9:27	4.2
29 Su	2:13	1.8	3:35	-1.8	8:25	7.1	10:01	4.4
30 M	3:02	1.5	4:13	-1.6	9:11	6.9	10:37	4.7
31 Tu	3:54	1.3	4:50	-1.1	9:59	6.5	11:14	4.9

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An eight-week class in Basic Coastal Navigation will be offered by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 15-2 at the Seal Beach Yacht Club, 255 Marina Drive in Long Beach, beginning Monday, February 6. The class, which will meet from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., covers skills required for Catalina or coastal cruising - how to read a nautical chart, navigator's tools, plotting courses and converting from true to compass, dead reckoning, and how to read a GPS.

The cost for textbooks and chart is \$60.00. Pre-registration is required. For information call Burt Irwin, (714)897-5200 or e-mail abirwin1@earthlink.net

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The US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 3-1, will be sponsoring a class of Boating Skills and Seamanship each Wednesday evening beginning January 11, 2006 for 7 weeks from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The class will be held at "Peck Park Recreation Center", 560 N. Western Avenue, San Pedro (Corner of Western and Crestwood). Cost is \$25.00, for textbooks. For further info. call Howard Kay (310) 833-9577.



FROM THE MANAGER



**By Mark Sandoval,
Marine Bureau Manager**

Holidays already! The years seem to fly by quicker and quicker each year! Hope you had a chance to participate in, or at least attend, one of the many Holiday parades in town.

This month we want to ask for some input. Since we are aggressively enforcing the storage rules on the docks, we have received a couple of requests for secure bike storage lockers near the restrooms. We have done some research, and they are more costly than I anticipated. Therefore, we would need to charge a monthly fee to re-coup the purchase and installation costs. I would appreciate some input as to whether there would be a demand for these lockers at a price of \$25-30 per month for exclusive use. Please call or e-mail me if you have an opinion on this matter.

A second topic is a life-saving idea that was shared with us by one of our tenants. He had fallen in the water next to his vessel, and could not lift himself on the dock. Once the Lifeguards appeared on scene, they lifted him on the dock by having him float on top of the water and rolling him on the dock. Most people, myself included, would probably try to haul someone out upright, but rolling someone from a prone floating position would obviously take much less effort. Something to store in the back of your mind if ever needed.

Finally, I recently met with the President and Vice President of the Long Beach Marina Boat Owner's Association. I have prided myself in maintaining a good relationship with BOA over the ten years I have held this position, but the automatic CPI slip fee adjustment has been a point of contention that has created more of an adversarial relationship than I have had with BOA during my tenure. In the meeting, there were words such as "arbitrary", "mindless", and "haphazardly implemented" in describing the implementation of this program. I did not, and can not agree that this program was not well thought out, and I still believe that this is a method to rationally

increase slip rates in relation to the increasing costs of running the marina, and to meet the need for funds to continue the rebuild efforts.

As our meeting progressed, it became evident that the main point of contention was that there was worry that the CPI increase would continue into the future whether it was needed or not, because it was "automatic." I explained that although the increase was automatic, needing no further City Council action, it could at any time be suspended for a year or even terminated. I explained that we survey market rates every year, and ensure that the fees as adjusted by the CPI still meet the Marina Slip Fee Pricing Strategy, which states:

- Use a market-based approach, including the following:
 - Ensure that marina costs are covered
 - Bring the Long Beach Marinas reasonably to market
 - Don't attempt to be the market leader
- Do not put occupancy at risk, paying particular attention to the elasticity of demand.
- Move to make the Long Beach Marinas fiscally healthy, but don't look to "get rich".
- Maintain excess funds for investment in the marinas.
- Address slip size/price disparity.

The discussion then turned to questions of slip fees in ten or more years, and the impact the CPI would have on the slip fees over many years. I indicated that I could not venture to guess what the fees would be in the next decade or two, but that the overriding policy is the Pricing Strategy detailed above. In ending the meeting, I agreed make my philosophy clear with regards to the automatic slip fee policy. As a result, here goes –

"The automatic CPI adjuster was put in place to provide a rational adjustment to slip fees in relation to increases in the costs of operating the marina, including marina capital re-investment. The Marine Bureau will continue to survey market rates, and will ensure that Long Beach Marina rates continue to be in line with the Marina Slip Fee Pricing Strategy. If at any time in the future, the CPI adjuster moves rates out of line with the Pricing Strategy, or if the adjustment in rates is unneeded, then the Marine Bureau will recommend suspension or elimination of the annual CPI adjuster."

As always, happy and healthy boating.